

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information providing system comprising a parts information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a parts database storing parts information;

first designating means for designating parts; and

first display control means for searching said database for parts information corresponding to the parts designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprising:

a price database storing ~~price information about~~ prices of parts and/or products ~~purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier~~ for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of parts and/or products corresponding to a price at which said each of the parts and/or products is purchased from each supplier supplying the part and/or products at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;

second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and

second display control means for displaying ~~price information about~~ prices of the parts and/or products ~~purchased at the plurality of bases and~~ designated by said second

designating means ~~and the corresponding~~ together with information of the plurality of bases and supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts and/or a product higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts and/or products from said price database.

Claim 5 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An information providing system comprising a material information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said material information providing system comprises:

a material database storing material information;

first designating means for designating materials; and

first display control means for searching said material database for material information corresponding to the materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing ~~price information about~~ prices of materials ~~purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of materials corresponding to a price at which said each of the materials is purchased from each supplier supplying the materials at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;~~

second designating means for designating materials; and

second display control means for displaying ~~the price information about~~ prices of the materials ~~purchased at the plurality of bases and~~ designated by said second designating means ~~and the corresponding~~ together with information of the plurality of bases and the supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the materials purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 7, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of a material higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the materials from said price database.

Claim 10 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An information providing system comprising a parts number information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts number information providing system comprises:

a first database storing purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information;

first designating means for designating parts number; and

first display control means for searching said first database for purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information corresponding to the parts number designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing ~~price information about~~ prices of parts, products, and/or materials ~~purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier~~ for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of parts, products and/or materials corresponding to a price at which said each of the parts, products and/or materials is purchased from each supplier supplying the parts, products and/or materials at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;

second designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials, and

second display control means for displaying ~~the price information about~~ prices of the parts, products and/or materials ~~purchased at the plurality of bases and~~ designated by said second designating means ~~and the corresponding~~ , together with information of the plurality of bases and the supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts, products and/or materials purchased at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 12, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts, products and/or materials higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts, products and/or materials from said price database.

Claim 15 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).